

suppose entirely. I guess there was an occasional woman hermit, but it was very rare. It did not seem suitable for woman at, this monast. life at this time.

Now the next step in it, number 4, we will name ~~xx~~ after the man who was the great originator of it. ~~xxxxxx~~ Pachomius. Pachomius was a monk, and he went out into the desert, but he hit upon another idea. He said, in fact Anthony himself advised people that there were great dangers in the life alone. That it was a wonderful thing if a person had the ability and the particular quality for it, but that for those who did not, it could become a cause of great corruption and great evil, rather than of good. And Pachomius tried to overcome this by having monks live together under a direction. And so Pach., who had gone out as a hermit himself, somewhat younger man than Anthony, though ~~x~~ not a great deal younger. He went out into the desert and he founded, in southern Egypt, a society of monks. And there were many who would not have the courage to go ~~xx~~ out by themselves, and of course many doubtless died going out and trying and not knowing how to do it. But this made it possible for ~~xxxxxx~~ people to come and have direction and instruction in living together under a monastic life, with their life somewhat regulated. And so he ~~xxxxxx~~ organized a society of monks, and it became so strong that before his death, in 348, it included ~~xxx~~ eight or nine cloisters with over three thousand people in it. ~~xxxxxxx~~

The story when he died was that he had 3,000 people, and fifty years later, a book about it, said that there were 7,000. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ / And a century later an account of his life said that there were ~~xx~~ 50,000 monks. But the original account of 3,000 is probably the right one, and that is a pretty sizeable amount of ~~xxxxxx~~ people. They were divided into these eight groups. Each group living together, each group having a head, and ~~Pachomius~~ Pach. over the whole, going about from one to another, and regulating it, and showing first hand what to do. They ate in common, there were three to a cell, they eat in common but in strict ~~xxxxxx~~ with their face ~~x~~ covered. They made known ~~xxxx~~ their wants by signs. On ~~Sxxxx~~ Saturday and Sunday they partook of the communion. He also gathered a cloister of nuns for his sister. But he never admitted his